

"I will do everything I can to help President Obama meet the challenges facing our nation in a bipartisan fashion. However, the President made no mention of the two most serious issues affecting our Valley's economy: water and housing. "Unbalanced federal regulations and reliance on faulty science have led to extreme water cuts which, in turn, have hurt our local economy and made our housing crisis worse. "What we need to spur growth and prosperity among all economic segments of our Valley are policies that offer a steady and reliable supply of water to spur job creation and help stem the tide of foreclosures. "Our economy depends on steady water allocations. The livelihood and future of Valley residents are at stake. I was hoping to hear the President deal with those issues in his speech and unfortunately he did not. "